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REMARKS

All of the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 and F2, are not in English.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each of Cite Nos. F1 and F2 is incorporated into the specification in the present application at paragraphs [0003] and [0004], respectively.

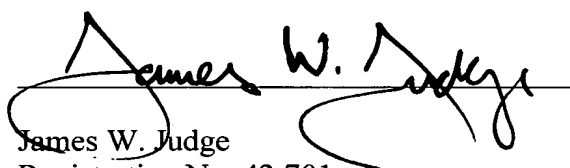
Furthermore, English abstracts of these references are available through the Japanese Patent Office Web site, and the corresponding abstract is attached to the front of each reference.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

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